

Turnage Named Dean Of MC School Of Law

The Mississippi College Board of Trustees has voted approval for the naming of E. A. Turnage as permanent dean of the Mississippi College School of Law.

Turnage graduated with a bachelor of science degree from The University of Southern Mississippi and a bachelor of laws from the University of Mississippi. He engaged in the general practice of law for 14 years in Lawrence County and was elected as mayor of Monticello. He also served in the Mississippi House of Representatives. From 1962-1972 he presided as chan-

cellor of the 13th Chancery Court District of Mississippi, at which time he left the bench to serve as Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard.

Turnage served as Adjutant General from May, 1972, until March, 1976, while holding the military rank of Major General. He is a recipient of The Silver Star for Gallantry in action during World War II and the U. S. Distinguished Service Medal.

He joined the faculty of the Mississippi College School of Law as an associate professor in Sept., 1976 and was named interim dean in March, 1978. He has served in that position until the present time.

Turnage is a member of the Monticello Baptist Church where he is a deacon.

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State Prayer Season Set; Offering Goal: \$300,000

The state mission season of prayer gets underway this next week as Mississippi Baptists anticipate the possibilities of a number of special mission projects underwritten by the mission offering.

This mission offering, taken during the season of prayer, goes to undergird a number of projects which will not otherwise be funded.

The season of prayer, Sept. 9-12, has an offering goal of \$300,000 for these projects.

Theme of this season will be "Reach Out." The season is promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Robert Dent, president and Marjean Patterson, executive director.

Most of the offering money for the projects comes into the state convention offices in September, October, and November, although the books stay open until August 31, 1980.

The convention board can best estimate project income and estimate how the money can be spent if churches send in the offerings before the end of November.

Said Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "This offering is the only way to get these particular jobs done. It is the churches of the convention saying, 'Together we can do it.'"

The offering goes to seven separate projects. The largest amount, if the \$300,000 goal is met, would be to new work.

One third, or \$100,000 would be set aside to help the establishment and development of new work in the state.

Disaster work would get \$35,000. Pastoral aid, \$9,000. And church building aid would receive \$11,000.

Garaywa operation, and Central Hills would receive \$50,000 and \$80,000

respectively. These are the two camps where future leaders of the denomination are trained and the gospel is taught. And then Garaywa would get a

separate amount of \$35,000 for improvements.

The 1978-79 offering goal was also \$300,000. On Aug. 31, when the books

closed, a total of \$258,096.64 was recorded into the offering totals. This means that a portion of the projects planned will not be completed.



A happy family surrounds Joe Triplett and Gov. Cliff Finch. At left is daughter Temple Lauer, then Joe Triplett, son Rod, wife Charlotte, Rod's wife Marilyn, then Gov. Finch.

Minister: "Chosen To Teach Us All How To Face Death"

By Tim Nicholas

Joe Triplett of Jackson last week received the Governor's Distinguished Mississippian Award.

He didn't receive the award for having cancer, although he does have the disease, but for the fortitude he has shown and the strength he has shared with others in crisis.

For the past 12 years Joe Triplett, 68, has been minister of pastoral care and crisis intervention for First Baptist Church in Jackson. Nearly a year ago he was told he had cancer of the intestine. It has since metastasized — spread — to the liver and he is in pain.

Governor Cliff Finch was quoted during the award ceremony that "God has apparently chosen him to teach us all how to face death."

Joe is constantly in contact with others who either have cancer themselves or who are in some grave crisis.

And they ask him how he copes.

His answers come straight from the Bible. The things that strengthen him, he hopes will strengthen others. Scriptures of strength for him include II Cor. 12:9; Ps. 139:9-12, and II Cor. 4:8-9.

He admits that when a person gives of himself in counseling "I find myself drained." Besides Bible reading to get charged up again, he depends on prayer and sleep.

And he doesn't detail every counseling session with his wife, Charlotte, a registered nurse. "I don't go home and unload on her," he said.

In a recent church program honoring Joe, his former pastor, W. Douglas Hudgins, said that Joe Triplett doesn't feel just sympathy for others, "He feels empathy."

"I don't know how to explain it," said Triplett, "I just have a caring heart." He said that having cancer doesn't shake him. "I do not fold up... I glory in my infirmities if it lets me do something for God."

He said that his having cancer has opened a lot of gates, "not only with cancer victims, but with those who are well. They say, 'How do you handle your problem?'" The minister was scheduled to meet with a man with a problem just after this interview.

He explained that aside from dealing with persons with critical illnesses, the problems he hears most regularly are related to "parental-child relationships in growing up," he said. "Somewhere the touch has been lost — children have not been disciplined, guided, and the parents have not known how to do it." He said problems related to this show up later in life where young adults say to him, "I wish my mother had communicated better with me," or "My father never complimented me."

Joe Triplett came to Jackson First after nearly nine years as pastor of First Church, Newton. Prior to that he

was pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church in Blue Mountain for 4½ years. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and has a master's degree in theology from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

His faith has not been shaken by his cancer, which he talks about freely. One person called the church after hearing his testimony and said "Tell him thank you for taking the word cancer out of the closet."

"It is my hope," he said, "that my critical illness and impending death will be handled with a strong faith and a blessed assurance that the Christ loves me on both sides of the grave."

Savell, Stagg Head Oct. Pastors' Retreat

Carl Savell and Frank Stagg will be featured during the annual Pastors' Retreat at Camp Garaywa, Oct. 8-10.

Sponsored by the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the retreat is designed for pastors for fellowship, inspiration, and practical information to help in their day to day jobs.

The retreat is nearly free, costing only \$15 per person. The money must accompany the registration and will be refunded if cancellation is received prior to Sept. 28.

Music will be led by Perry and Wanda Robinson. He is minister of music at Indian Springs Baptist Church, Laurel.

Savell, pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, will be primary speaker, talking about the pastor in varying roles, as a person, as an equipper, as proclaimer, and as counselor.

Stagg, senior professor of New Testament Studies at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will be Bible teacher for the retreat.

Other speakers and their subjects are as follows: Ernest Mosley, supervisor, church ministries section at the Sunday School Board, "SBC Commit-

ted to Pastor Support"; Kermit McGregor, pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, "I Love to Preach Because...";

Truman Brown, pastoral ministries consultant, Sunday School Board, "The Church Committed to Bold Planning"; and Sherman Barnette, pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Geeslin Corner, "Things I Have Learned as a Pastor."

The retreat begins Monday, Oct. 8 with registration at 1:30 p.m., and concludes at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The \$15 fee includes lodgings, all meals at Garaywa, and insurance.

For further information, contact, Leon Emery, 354-3704.



Brown



Savell

Robinson

Mosley

Volunteer Teams Alerted About Needs In Dominica

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Volunteer teams in 28 states were alerted to the possible need for relief efforts in Dominica as a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official left to survey damage on the island in wake of Hurricane David, the most destructive tropical storm in the Caribbean this season.

John R. Cheyne, the board's associate consultant for relief ministries, planned to arrive in Dominica September 1 to survey damages and report urgent needs and long-range relief possibilities.

The Foreign Mission Board will make \$10,000 available for emergency relief needs in Dominica, and the Baptist World Alliance will provide another \$5,000. Cheyne planned to survey any other damage that the hurricane might cause in the Dominican Republic or Haiti.

Rebuilding will be a major part of relief efforts, according to Cheyne, but the board's general relief fund, which finances all non-food-related relief programs, is nearly depleted.

State Baptist Men's organizations have been told that volunteer relief teams might be needed. "We already know electrical engineers are urgent

needed to restore the island's electric power which was wiped out by David," Cheyne said.

News reports indicate nearly 300 homes in the capital city of Roseau were destroyed and approximately 85 percent of the structures on the island were flattened.

Nine Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers are stationed on Dominica. Although phone lines are down and no direct word has been received from them since the storm passed, advanced word indicated they were prepared for the hurricane and were taking shelter in sturdy buildings.

Commission Sets Corps For Political Action

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has announced formation of a "Christian Citizenship Corps" to generate in-

creased political involvement among the SBC's 13.2 million members.

Touted as "a grassroots network of Southern Baptists," the citizenship corps will consist of Southern Baptist citizens "interested in what government is doing locally, statewide and nationally, and willing to make their voices heard in those arenas at appropriate times and in appropriate ways," said William H. Elder of the commission staff.

The stated purpose of the citizenship corps, he said, is to stimulate political action "to promote public righteousness," but Elder believes it offers an alternative to organizations which have "wedded conservative politics and conservative Christianity."

(Elder said he preferred not to discuss such groups specifically, but organizations such as The Christian Voice and the Moral Majority have attracted widespread media attention recently after opening offices in Washington.)

"I don't think the Christian faith should be used to baptize any political persuasion," Elder said. "The Christian faith should be the norm, the standard, and if it is, I think it defies any doctrinaire labeling. Jesus, for example, always frustrated people who tried to classify him in liberal or conservative categories."

Elder added that he is "leery of Christian politicians who can determine their positions on the issues too quickly, perhaps allowing a political-philosophical allegiances to tell them where to stand and using their faith to authenticate the position."

"In fact, I find it hard to believe that any Christian group which tries to be true to the standard of the gospel will always come up on one political or philosophical side," he declared.

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A "First Ever" For RA's

The first ever Royal Ambassador Day is coming up Sept. 22 at Mississippi College.

Sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department, the program is for boys in grades 1-12 for a day of fellowship, inspiration, and football.

The program features a talk by Mississippi College football coach John Williams and players Jimmy Price and John Gibson. There will be a pep

rally led by MC cheerleaders and the program will be capped off with the football game between Mississippi College and Southern Arkansas.

Cost of RA Day will be \$5 per person, which includes lunch, admission to the game and insurance.

Pre-registration is due by Sept. 18. Make checks payable to the Brotherhood Department, Royal Ambassador Day, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Clifford Bruffey's Hands Slice The Frozen Silence

By Phyllis Thompson

In a world where voices mean little, Clifford Bruffey uses his hands to weave letters into words, words into sentences. From mind to hand the message flows, meaning slicing the frozen silence.

Yet the audience hears. And understanding dawns with a radiant smile.

Bruffey's silent message is spoken in the language of the 1,200 students

from 25 countries who attend Gallaudet College, the only accredited liberal arts college for the deaf in the world.

Bruffey, himself totally deaf and unable to speak except in American sign language, is the Home Mission Board-appointed chaplain to Gallaudet.

He works to bridge the gap between the deaf and the hearing—the gap occurring in a world he knows his graduating students will encounter... a world he has known, that will not hear the rhythms of quickly-moving fingers.

As a former student, Bruffey is at home at Gallaudet, located near downtown Washington, D. C. The school includes a five-year college of 27 study areas, a graduate school with six, an elementary school and school for the deaf. Its campus encompasses 92 acres.

On bulletin boards Bruffey's hand-drawn cartoons invite students to Bible study. In one sketch, two squiggly figures discuss existentialism, a subject many students have asked Bruffey about: "All there is is what I touch and see and feel," says one. Insists his partner, drawn of three straight lines and a lock of curly hair: "No, man, there's more than that."

"Find out more," the poster invites. "Come by the chaplain's office..."

Almost ruefully, Bruffey admits, "I take my briefcase to the office every day—hardly ever open it. Students drop by; we start to talk and I carry it home unopened."

As if to punctuate his remarks, two boys drop by, Bibles in hand: "Why is immersion the biblical form of baptism?" one asks with flashing hands. Discussion begins—silently, full of motion.

Later a dating couple comes to ask, "How far can we go in our physical relationship without sinning? What is

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Clifford Bruffey

Tanzanian Baptist Boldness Reaps 56 Congregations

By Mary Jane Welch
MWANZA, Tanzania (BP) — Tanzanian Baptists embodied Bold Mission Thrust when they sent out seven evangelistic teams which started 56 new congregations in eight weeks this summer.

The two-man teams baptized 2,575 members of the Sukuma tribe living in villages formerly unreached by Baptist witness, said James L. Houser, Southern Baptist missionary who transferred from Kenya to lead the project.

Months in planning, the Sukuma project was adopted by the Baptist mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and the Baptist Convention of Tanzania as a means of reaching Tanzania's largest tribal group. The government's settling of 4.5 million Sukuma people into easily accessible villages of 1,000 to 10,000 in order to provide education and services for them, made it easier for Baptists to reach them.

Original plans were even bolder — 15 teams starting 180 new congregations — but transportation problems caused in part by the Tanzania-Uganda conflict took their toll before the project started.

Plans called for a team to spend a week in each village, visiting huts and inviting people to a daily teaching period in which they could learn about God, sin, Jesus and the church.

On their seventh day in a village, the team was to baptize new believers and help the congregation choose five leaders — an outreach leader, a worship leader and preacher, a youth worker, a women's worker and a music director. Music is a vital part of

the Sukuma people's lives.

After the evangelistic team moved to another village, the new congregation could expect at least three visits from more mature Christians working under Tom W. McMillan, head of the Baptist Seminary of East Africa in Arusha. First, a team would come for three days to help new leaders in areas in which they had no experience, such as using the Bible and leading worship. Second, a visitor would arrive with a tape recorder and cassettes to encourage the new believers and teach them about the Christian life.

A third team will come to equip leaders with tools and Bible knowledge they need for their jobs, shifting the project emphasis more from evangelism to training. Beginning in September, project personnel will train volunteers from existing churches for one month in three geographical areas in witnessing and planting churches. Houser expects these churches to begin ten to fifteen new churches every two months. The following June, the cycle will begin again with new evangelism teams.

Project personnel saw results before the program got underway. Southern Baptist missionary Roger W. Brubeck visited one settlement to ask the chairman's permission to enter the village. The chairman was unavailable so Brubeck told the story of Jesus to three men standing nearby. Two of them became Christians.

In another instance, Southern Baptist missionary Donald R. Dolifka was training church members to use tape recorders for follow-up. One member, Philipo, witnessed to a man who accepted Christ as Lord saying, "What

you have told me is too good to keep. Come with me. I want you to tell some others."

He took Philipo to a meeting of the village leaders, who also listened to Philipo's story. After being told of Christ, the people began to clap and express their happiness to Philipo for his coming and sharing. Another village opened before the project officially began.

Other teams saw similar events during the project. In one village, team members Thomas and Rationi met Stefano, a fisherman. Stefano had just squandered all his money from a fishing trip in a bar. He had gone home to find his family hungry and his creditors demanding payment on loans. When he went to the lake to catch more fish, his boat, net and partners had disappeared.

Thomas and Rationi stopped at his hut and told him about Jesus and his love. Stefano decided that was what he needed and trusted Christ as his Savior. The two men continued witnessing in the village until more than 25 others accepted Christ.

When the congregation chose leaders at the end of the week, Stefano was one of them. In his testimony before the group, he said he had been fishing for fish all his life, but now was going fishing for men.



Service Displays Work Of Both Boys And Girls

By Alene Dunbar
Being a new church (Trace Ridge, Ridgeland) everything had to have a beginning. As Children Director and wanting the best we could afford, with what we had, work was started for our boys and girls. The only way I know to get something going is to "jump in with both feet" and go to work. This was done. We do not yet have a Brotherhood, but very much I wanted the boys to have a Royal Ambassador program. A fine young man, Bill Spencer, taught the older boys and I the Lads. Two young ladies, Mary Ann Bivings and Margaret Chambers, led the Girls in Action.

As the boys and girls worked on their advancements, I began thinking that the boys should have as much recognition as the girls for their accomplish-

ments. So, the idea was born to have a combined service.

After discussing this idea with Ac- teens leader, Beth Roberts, a date was set and a theme decided. On Saturday, July 21, we had a Banquet. The girls invited their Mothers and the boys invited their Dads. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with flags from different countries and the table centerpieces were arrangements of small flags and candles. Guest speakers were Mrs. Dot Porter and Mr. Donn Poole.

On Sunday, July 22, we had a beautiful service starring boys and girls. The cross in the baptistry was the focal point with fourteen standing flags from foreign countries standing on either side.

Rodrick Conerly is pastor.

Retired Jackson Preacher Dies In Nashville

W. R. Haynie, 88, formerly of 234 Woody Dr., died at the home of his daughter in Nashville Aug. 25 after an extended illness.

Following a prayer service in Nashville, funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Gretna, La., at 11 a.m., Aug. 28.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Wayne Todd of Nashville, Mrs. Ben Bullock of Houston and Mrs. Robert W. King of Jackson; two sons, H. Lowrey Haynie of Memphis and William S. Haynie of Gulfport; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Haynie, a retired Baptist minister, held pastorates in many Southern Baptist churches. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gretna for 20 years until his retirement in 1960, after which he moved to Jackson and was a member of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church.

West Point Church Does Va., Work

This summer has been a rewarding summer for several families of the West End Baptist Church, West Point, as they went to Dungannon, Va., to help construct a new church building for the First Baptist Church in Dungannon. These families went at their own expense with the Clay County Baptist Association giving financial assistance for meals and transportation.

The first group of men and boys helped to dig and pour the concrete foundation for the building. The ladies prepared the meals. A second group went back and did the electrical work.

The church organization at Dungannon is one year old. They began their services in an abandoned Methodist Church building. The pastor, Blake Mullins, came to Dungannon from Carrollton, Ga. There are only 8 families in the church.

The group from West End is always planning another trip to the same association for next summer to help with the construction of another church building.

Proposed Budget 1980

	Proposed 1980 Budget Inc. Advance	% of Total
Institutions and Agencies	\$ 2,200,000	19.56
Christian Education	25,300	.22
Education	65,300	.58
Hardship Assistance	10,000	.09
Radiation Therapy Center	225,000	2.00
Children's Village	60,500	.54
Ministerial Education Board	93,500	.84
Christian Action	88,000	.78
Baptist Foundation	23,000	.20
Historical Commission	97,396	.87
Mississippi Baptist Seminary		
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 2,887,996	25.68
Board Programs		
Assemblies Programming	92,000	.82
Central Hills Bapt. Assembly		
Gulfshore Operations	100,000	.89
Program Director	76,576	.68
Youth Night	7,500	.07
Church Administration	64,485	.57
Church Architecture	24,966	.22
WMU (Operational)	211,279	1.88
Sunday School	215,000	1.91
Church Training	187,580	1.67
Brotherhood	126,260	1.12
Church Music	129,955	1.16
Student Work	413,056	3.67
Evangelism	78,851	.70
Cooperative Missions	200,019	1.78
Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Prom.	123,371	1.10
Subsidies to Associations	102,000	.91
Church-Minister Rel. & Annuity	88,512	.78
General Services (Bldg. Maint., Bldg. Serv. & Basic telephone)	262,550	2.32
Baptist Record	163,878	1.46
Annuity Participation	490,000	4.36
Social Security & Insurance (Bd)	216,000	1.92
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 3,473,838	30.89
Administration — Promotion		
Public Relations	13,433	.12
Convention Sessions	14,000	.12
Convention Annual, Dairy, etc.	29,000	.26
Convention Board & Comm. Mtgs.	21,500	.20
Exec. Secretary-Treasurer's Office	112,197	1.00
Business Office	135,359	1.20
Exec. Secty. Emeritus	3,600	.03
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 329,089	2.93
State Causes Grand Total	\$ 6,690,923	59.50
Mission Service Corps Proj.	5,000	.04
Southern Baptist Convention	3,712,077	33.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 3,717,077	33.04
Capital Needs		
Christian Education	300,000	2.67
Mississippi Bapt. Med. Center	55,000	.49
Student Centers	100,000	.89
Convention Board (Baptist Bldg., Assemblies & Camps)	384,000	3.41
SUB-TOTAL	839,000	7.46
Grand Total — All Causes	\$11,247,000	100.00

Cooperative Program Funds received in excess of \$11,247,000 are to be allocated to Mississippi College to a maximum of 250,000.

Missionaries Return To Nicaragua Work

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary Stanley D. Stamps has returned to his work in Nicaragua after being out of the country nearly three months.

At his request, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is sending a representative to examine refugee resettlement needs in the country, which has been torn by internal conflict for more than a year.

Stamps and his wife had been in Honduras since the end of May when they took a vacation outside of Nicaragua. He reported the Baptist Book Store in Managua is operating at full capacity.

The only other Southern Baptist missionaries in the country, missionary journeymen Stephens and Paula Baumgardner, evacuated from Nicaragua about two weeks later as fighting escalated between national guard forces of former president Anastasio Somoza Jr. and the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

John R. Cheyne, associate consultant for the board's relief ministries, planned to fly to Nicaragua to survey the needs of refugees who are returning to their homeland. Many will have to rebuild homes destroyed in the fighting. Refugees who fled to Honduras and Guatemala have been encouraged to return by the new government and most are expected to move home within the next 15 days, according to Charles W. Bryan, board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

Plans for refugee work in Honduras, which Stamps would have coordinated, have been canceled in light of these developments, Bryan said.

The Baumgardners have been reassigned to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, but

Bryan says they are considering returning to Nicaragua for the last 10 months of their journeyman term. Stamps reported that a rocket blast had destroyed the roof and ceiling of a bedroom in the Baumgardners' house. Within one block of their house, an area of 15 to 20 blocks was leveled in the last phase of fighting before Somoza's resignation.

Buckley And Buckley To Rejoin

Thirty years ago when Sidney Buckley was age 13, he conducted his first invitational hymn at the Goss Baptist Church. As he did, his father, Porter Buckley, then a local farmer who also operated the old water powered cotton gin on Holiday's Creek, surrendered to the gospel ministry.

Immediately Buckley began preaching and pastoring rural churches in Marion County. He often served as many as four churches at one time, two being full time and the other two being quarter time. "Miss Erma" as Mrs. Buckley is affectionately called, and the children, Marion, Sidney, Doris, Barbara and Tim always accompanied Buckley to these churches.

The family would sing special music before the sermon and young Sidney often led the song service. The senior Buckley is still pastor of White Bluff Baptist Church and "Miss Erma" leads the music.

For the past 22 years, Sidney has served as minister of music and college professor. He is now a full time music evangelist.

On September 22-26, at the National Guard Armory in Columbia, this father and son team will reunite for an "OLE TIME PREACHIN' AND SINGIN' CRUSADE". They will be assisted by a 100 voice crusade choir from Marion County churches, and members of the Buckley family which now numbers 30, including grandchildren and great grandchildren. Trios, quartets and other musical groups from over the county will be featured in the services each evening.

The Crusade Choir rehearsal and special prayer groups will meet each evening at 7:00. The Ole Time Preachin' and Singin' will begin at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Massengill Receives College Credit

Dwight Massengill completed his summer mission work with the Church Extension Department of the Home Mission Board in Morgan City, Louisiana on August 3, 1979.

He received six hours credit in this Summer Missions Practicum project which is specifically starting new churches. Dwight worked with another missionary student doing door-to-door surveys combined with witnessing, giving away free bibles, and enrolling people in a home bible study. Two five week periods were spent working with two sponsoring churches: Immanuel Baptist and First Baptist Morgan City.

The total results were: 32 people accepted Christ, 2 home bible studies were started with 245 enrolled, 145 were enrolled to receive the new Home Bible Study Guide by mail each month, and 150 Bibles were given out.

Dwight also accepted the invitation of the pastor at Immanuel to teach "EVANGELISM EXPLOSION" each Sunday evening during the church training hour, and ended his work there with a weekend revival.

Dwight is a Blue Mountain College graduate and former pastor of Fellowship Church in Ripley (Tippah). He now is back in Northwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., continuing his post-graduate studies.

Reedy Dies In Texas, Represented Mississippi

J. R. Reedy was born March 9, 1902 in Aberdeen, Miss., and died August 16, 1979, in Snyder, Tex., at age 77.

He attended New Orleans Seminary and while a student preached at Lumberton, First Church.

He was pastor of First Church, Eupora from 1940-50, and from 1950-68, and from 1968-79.

Reedy represented Baptists on Mississippi and Texas boards and agencies including the Mississippi and Texas Baptist Convention's executive committees.

He is the honoree of the J. R. Reedy Music Award at Blue Mountain College since 1965, and was interim pastor of Sun Baptist Church for the past 10 years.

Reedy was married to Annie Laurie Cockerham, and is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Bethel Snyder; a sister, Mrs. Arnette Taylor of Columbus, Miss.; a brother, Tommy Reedy of Aberdeen; and two grandchildren.

He was interred at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.



Puppet Training Offered In Pearl Workshop Tonight

A training workshop on the use and effectiveness of puppets is scheduled at the First Baptist Church, Pearl, 405 N. Biederman Road in Pearl, on Thursday, September 6, from 6:30-10:00 p.m.

The 3½ hour workshop will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions, a San Diego, Calif., company that has trained more than 45,000 people in similar sessions. Live and film performances along with instruction in

single and double puppeteer performances will be included in this in depth training.

Teachers across the country have found that instruction or teaching with puppets could be retained by students 80-90% better than the lecture method.

All phases of puppet organization, planning, staging, and performance will be covered by the puppet team.

Seminar sizes are limited, so register early by calling Ron Roberts, First Baptist Church, Pearl at 939-4488.

Renewal Evangelism Meet Set For Toccoa, Ga.

The sixth annual national renewal evangelism training conference is expected to attract 400 Southern Baptists interested in renewal to the Georgia Baptist Assembly at Toccoa October

22-28 for a week of instruction and inspiration.

Sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board, the conference will develop the theme, "Renewal Is Working," through daily workshops in renewal training and lay ministries.

Making the principal address will be Ralph Neighbour, renewal evangelism writer and pastor of West Memorial Baptist Church, Houston.

Other speakers will include Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section of the Commission; Dick Burr, a Mission Service Corps worker developing a national prayer project; Bill Wilson, director of special mission ministries of the Home Mission Board, and William Bangham of Annapolis, Md., author of the renewal book, Journey Into Small Groups.

Costs for the entire week are \$135 per person. That includes meals, lodging and registration. The weekend fee is \$50 per person.

Reid Hardin of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board encouraged persons to register by writing Renewal Evangelism, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga 30309.

Specialists Train Men For Missions

More than 600 Brotherhood training specialists have been prepared to orient thousands of church and associational Brotherhood officers this fall in Christian missions opportunities in the 1980s, Bob Banks, director of the program section of the Brotherhood Commission, reported.

Trained in 13 regional institutes, the specialists will offer orientation in Baptist Men and Royal Ambassador work, missions ministries, and in communications skills, Banks said.

The Brotherhood leader disclosed the training specialists accepted as enlargement goals to start a total of more than 2,000 new units of Baptist Men or Royal Ambassadors during the next 12 months.

There are almost 500,000 men and boys in Brotherhood units in 15,868 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Banks said one of the goals of the training project is to offer a Brotherhood training event in all of the 1196 Baptist associations in the United States during 1979-80.

A total of 33 state Brotherhood departments, including that of Mississippi, joined the Commission in sponsoring Bold Equipping 1979, a giant training event which cost almost \$80,000.

Banks said major costs included travel, housing, meals and extensive teaching materials for each of the specialists.

Besides the instruction, the training specialists received a teaching kit which included a teaching guide, a Brotherhood filmstrip, instructional tapes, a copy of the Brotherhood emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust for 1979-80 and Brotherhood enlargement plans.



FMB Gets Lottie's Shawl

Elbert L. Wright (left), business manager of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, examines the Lottie Moon shawl donated to the board by W. S. Beane of King and Queen Court House, Va. Beane said his late wife received the shawl from her mother, who probably received the shawl from Miss Moon's sister-in-law, Mrs. Isaac Moon. The shawl came to America in Miss Moon's trunk, also housed in the archives center, according to Nancy Nell Stanley, manager of the library and archives center. (FMB photo by Warren F. Johnson)

Festival Of Marriage

NASHVILLE — The first weekend Fall Festival of Marriage will be held at Ridgecrest November 2-4.

Sponsored by the Sunday School Board's family ministry department, the couples-only conference begins at 6 p.m. Friday and closes after lunch on Sunday.

A keynote speaker will be Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston.

Workshop sessions will deal with communication, conflict resolution, affirmation, money management, sexuality, worship, marriage maintenance and intimacy.

Conference leaders will include Mahan and Janice Siler, director and pastoral counselor respectively of the school of pastoral care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

J. Clark and Margaret Hensley also will lead workshop sessions. He is executive director of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission and she is a family life consultant and homemaker.

The festival is open to couples of any age. The cost is \$98 per couple.

A \$30 per couple deposit is required for registration, to be mailed to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

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Church Reaches 1,000 Adults In Three Years

WOODRIDGE, Ill. (BP) — The first Sunday of July, Michael Garrison, 22, became the 1000th adult to profess faith in Jesus Christ at Berea Baptist Church.

The church did not exist three years ago.

Pastor Frank Radcliff said the 1,000 adult conversions in their three-year history does not include persons who have accepted Christ as a result of their two children's churches and

another worship service for the Spanish-speaking.

"I feel children's decisions are important," Radcliff said. "I don't want to leave them out, but this figure was in the adult worship."

Radcliff said the church is considering a 200-acre tract of land on which to enlarge their church, Christian day school, mission outreach training, and ethnic work. "The land is available at \$14,000 an acre, and we need God's guidance and \$2.8 million," he said.

Bible Book Series Sales Gain Steadily First Year

NASHVILLE — After four quarters of sales, the Sunday School Board's third line of Sunday School curriculum for youth and adults, the Bible Book Series, has garnered 16 percent of total sales to these two age groups.

The Life and Work Series totals approximately 45 percent and the Convention Uniform Series, 38 percent. The addition of the Bible Book Series has cut almost equally into the sales of the other two series.

The Bible Book Series was introduced in October 1978 to provide a systematic study of books of the Bible. All

66 books are scheduled for study in a nine-year period.

Some Sunday School teachers who were accustomed to the aid of resource kits were reluctant to change to the Bible Book Series which did not include kits or other supplementary materials.

As of October 1979 youth and adult kits will be available. A quarterly Bible Book Study Commentary was begun in April and a supplementary study guide will be added in April 1980.

A large-print edition of the adult member's quarterly will be introduced in October 1980.

Commission Sets Corps

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SBC's national social concerns agency, will "coordinate and facilitate communication" between citizenship corps members and government by collecting and channeling information on "legislative issues and their ethical implications," said Elder, director of citizenship development for the commission.

The basic communications vehicle will be a "Moral Alert" newsletter, to be sent to corp members "when issues of special importance to Southern Baptists arise and when fast action is called for," he said.

The operational style for the Christian Citizenship Corps, Elder said, will be to "look first to the specifics of an issue, then to the biblical ethics before we speak."

Even then, he stressed, the policy of the Christian Life Commission will be to present both sides of a legislative issue, based on a belief that "there is a difference between fairness and neutrality."

"We think this approach fits best with the Christian gospel, which is a gospel of enabling, and with the Baptist commitment to the priesthood of the believer," Elder explained. "It enshrines respect for individuality and diversity. We want to be catalysts, not power brokers. We do not intend to tell people what they should think and how they should vote, but we will try to help them in the ethical analysis of the issues and may choose to take a position based on that analysis."

The formation of the citizenship corps marks the first time the nation's largest Protestant denomination has attempted to mobilize political action through an organized structure.

The new emphasis on political involvement, Elder emphasized, does not violate Southern Baptists' zealous commitment to the principle of separation of church and state.

"The Christian Citizenship Corps," Elder said, "recognizes and defends the doctrine of separation of church and state as the basic foundation of religious liberty in America. But it rejects the misinterpretations of that doctrine which suggest that Christians and Christian principles should not be actively present in the political process."

Blind Student Takes Trumpet To France

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Stacy Blair has played his trumpet on national television, at Disney World and in U.S. and overseas competition. Now he's taking it to France as he goes as a Fulbright scholar and a missions volunteer.

Blair has been blind since birth.

In September, he will begin studies under Maurice Andre at the Paris Conservatory. Although he will be there as a music student and has personal concerts planned through Europe, he calls himself a musical evangelist and will be available to Southern Baptist missionaries.

He will be the first missions volunteer going overseas through the South-

ern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as a special service volunteer, a category established primarily for students overseas who want to give a significant amount of time to Southern Baptist missions efforts. His services are completely free to the missionaries; the board did not even make travel arrangements.

The Texas native is quick to say he considers his blindness a physical characteristic, not a handicap. "I feel the Lord gives you tools to work with and what you do with them is up to you," he explains. He has had to memorize all of his music and learns most of it by listening to records and tapes.

He won 32 music awards while in high school and has been given numerous honors since then, including solo appearances all over the United States. In 1977, he was featured on "Good Morning, America" while marching with the Hardin-Simmons University band in the Carter inaugural parade.

But what he considers his most prestigious honor came in June. He competed in the first Maurice Andre international trumpet contest in Paris which was sponsored by the mayor of the capital city and he won first prize. With this award came \$8,000 and a recording contract with Erato Records, a European-based recording firm.

Clifford Bruffey's Hands Slice The Frozen Silence

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sin, anyway?" Bruffey replies: "Let me show you what the Bible says. Do you understand this? Can you live by it?"

And everywhere, sound is seen.

Authorities estimate 1.8 million deaf persons live in the U.S.; another 14 million persons have hearing problems. Bruffey has been deaf since childhood, after a bout with spinal meningitis. He did not discover his deafness immediately, however. Finally his mother, sensing something was wrong, held a napkin over her mouth in mid-sentence. Bruffey realized for the first time: he could not hear.

Almost simultaneous with this discovery was his yearning for religion. That curiosity kindled an interest in missions that led Bruffey, by the time he was 15, to have an experience in his grandmother's garden. "I felt a hand on my shoulder and a voice said, 'The harvest is plentiful, the workers few.' Then, all I saw was my aloneness in that huge garden, with all the crops left to harvest."

"But when I was a student at Gallaudet, I again felt the hand on my shoulder and this time I knew the harvest was people, not crops."

Still, Bruffey had no idea his ministry would extend as far as it has. With George Joslin, Virginia language missions director, Bruffey has translated

Sunday school lessons into sign language. Through videotape, the lessons go to 50 different places in the U.S.; by cable they are transmitted to Puerto Rico.

While Gallaudet and other schools for the deaf have done much to tear down walls of myth and misunderstanding surrounding the deaf world, the gap between the hearing and non-hearing world persists.

The hearing person can cross barriers with people of other backgrounds and cultures by learning their language. But the deaf cannot. For the deaf can never learn to hear.

So they live quiet lives surrounded by an invisible bubble of silence. "If someone were missing an arm or leg, he would have offers of help," says Bruffey. "If he were blind, he could carry a cane and someone would come to his aid."

"But the deaf person can go through his entire life—to school, to the store, even to church—and be alone, and no one will see his loneliness. No one will understand."

For while the door barring communications is bubble-thin it cannot be unlocked simply because the deaf person

The heart is wiser than the intellect. — J. G. Holland

Nobody's sweetheart is ugly. — J. J. Wade

wishes it to be. Its key lies outside, just beyond his reach—in the hands of hearing persons.

(Phyllis Thompson is assistant editor of Home Missions magazine.)

Pine Grove

Will Celebrate

Diamond Jubilee

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Magee, will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee on Sunday September 9, at 1:30 p.m., announced the pastor, B. E. Padgett.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be the guest speaker. Kelly is a native of Ecu. He attended Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Seminary where he received the Doctor of Theology Degree. He will be speaking at the 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. services.

Don Blackwell, director of music at Pine Grove Church will have charge of the music. He attended Mississippi College and the Law Enforcement Academy.

An invitation is extended to all former members and friends to be with the church for this celebration. Lunch will be served at the church.

John Stevens Resigns R-TV Commission Post

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — John C. Stevens, a 17-year veteran of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has resigned effective Sept. 6.

The son of Paul M. Stevens, who stepped down earlier this year as commission chief executive, John Stevens said his job at the commission gave him creative freedom and solid experience. But he said he felt it was time for him to take a different direction than the commission is taking.

He will begin his own film writing and production business, American Enterprise Co., and is also writing a book about former Texas Christian University athlete Kent Waldrep.

During his tenure at the commission, the 38-year-old Stevens has pro-

duced, written, and/or directed about 150 films, many of them top award winners. He has written or directed 20 specials throughout the world for the three American television networks.

Bob Taylor, director of the commission's broadcast division, said of Stevens: "He has been endowed with a unique insight into life itself and the ability to transmit this insight to us all through his writing and producing talents."

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Editorials

State Missions . . .

The Ministry Is Important

For some reason that is difficult to understand, the state missions offering all over the nation takes a back seat to the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions and the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

In Mississippi the state missions offering is called the Margaret Lackey Offering, and its ministries are no less important than those of the other two.

There would certainly be no call to strip away any support from the Annie Armstrong or Lottie Moon offering. This is without question a call to give more attention and support to the Margaret Lackey Offering.

Printed here is a testimony that happened only a week ago Sunday in Mississippi, and it should inspire all of us to take a new look at the state missions ministries.

Howard Taylor, who had been pastor of Calvary Church in Greenville for seven years, called my house as he was on his way to his new pastorate in Pascagoula, Arlington Heights

Church. He related the testimony.

On Taylor's last Sunday at Calvary, a 74-year-old deaf lady made a profession of faith and joined the church. This lady, who has a limited ability in communication because she cannot hear and cannot speak, was first contacted with the gospel by state missions workers.

Aug. 26 was the fourth anniversary of a deaf ministry at Calvary Church. That is the Sunday Miss Cynthia Bocato made her profession of faith in Christ. With her 74 years and her limited communications ability, how much of a chance did she have of being found in time and influenced to make her decision for Christ? It was limited at best. But these people found her, and she was won.

Now it is true that deaf work is not a part of the state mission offering, but these were state missions workers whose efforts are supported by the Cooperative Program. The state missions offering is an avenue of provid-

ing for other state missions endeavors for which there are no other funds available.

It was Rodney Webb, now with the Home Mission Board, who helped to establish the deaf ministry at Calvary Church and who first made contact with Miss Bocato. Richard Alford, who is language missions consultant now with the Department of Cooperative Missions, took up the work when Rodney went to the Home Mission Board, and he continued to work with Miss Bocato. Mrs. Jim (Kay) Hilliard is director of the deaf ministry at Calvary, and she also ministered to Miss Bocato.

The deaf ministry anniversary observation at Calvary included a deaf choir and a testimony by a deaf person. Surely it all had its effect on the decision of Miss Bocato.

Taylor's last Sunday at Calvary was a victorious one in other ways as well, for he baptized seven persons, three teen agers and four adults, that day.

No, the \$300,000 projected for the Margaret Lackey Offering will not be used in deaf ministries. It will be used in areas just as important, however. For the disaster task force there is \$35,000. For Garaywa operation there is \$50,000, and for Garaywa improvements there is \$35,000. For pastoral aid the figure is \$9,000, and for church building the amount is \$11,000. For Central Hills Baptist Retreat the amount is \$60,000. The largest of the allocations will go for starting new work. That figure is \$100,000. Statistics show that churches which are able to get off to a good start grow faster than those which have to struggle harder during the earlier years. Those that were given a better start have returned the money invested through missions giving and have been able to be a blessing to missions efforts beyond themselves at earlier dates.

This is the state missions offering. Why should it have to take a back seat?



What The Cooperative Program Means To Me

I believe in and support the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the greatest method ever devised for our participation in carrying out the Great Commission. Through the Cooperative Program my church has a real part in a world-wide mission witness endeavor.

It is a privilege to be the pastor of a mission-minded church.

The Cooperative Program and special mission offerings throughout the year are kept before the congregation through sermon and an informed Baptist Women's organization. The ladies of our church are the best to be found anywhere. They are the Lord's ignition system that keeps the mission motors running in Brooksville Baptist Church. Without the ladies in our

churches the Cooperative Program would not be the effective instrument that it has proven to be. Although we rejoice at what is being done, our missionary sights need to be raised and lengthened. Much more needs to be done and can be done. We have the resources.

I was much impressed by an editorial in the Baptist Standard of Texas recently. Editor Presnell Wood pointed out that sports fans laid out \$70 million in Miami for Super Bowl XIII and related events. Then he said that it will take 52 Super Sundays of giving for Southern Baptists to match the one big Sunday in Miami.

Our Cooperative Program budget of the Southern Baptist Convention is \$75 million. This means that we do indeed need a super Sunday of stewardship in our churches — every Sunday.

By Jerry Zgarba, Pastor
Brooksville Baptist Church

Thanks To City Council . . .

Downtown Jackson Not A Playground

The Jackson City Council should be applauded for its unanimous vote against the idea of making a portion of downtown Jackson a resort area so that liquor could be sold 24 hours a day.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"; but he could just as well have said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of refusing to be plowed under by special interest groups who are determined to circumvent the will of the people."

Such was the case in this instance. A Jackson disco (short for discotheque, which is a modern dance hall) owner

petitioned the city council for the resort category because he said his business begins to lose steam along about midnight, when drinking hours are over.

He opened his establishment downtown earlier this year when the drinking law was exactly the same as it is now, and he knew what it was. Now he wants it changed for his own profit making. He says Jackson could become another Memphis or New Orleans. Who wants that?

Jackson ambulance crews drag enough people out of bars as it is with

drinking stopping at midnight. It would get worse in the wee hours of the morning. How downtown Jackson could become a resort area is hard to comprehend; but once it did, sleazy bars and back street taverns would be selling liquor all night long along with the flashy discotheque. And if downtown Jackson could be a resort area, why not all of Jackson? Why not every city in Mississippi?

The disco owner has vowed to take his case to the State Tax Commission, but the city attorney doubts that the tax body has jurisdiction to establish a

resort area — which has to be the case for all-night drinking.

So Mayor Dale Danks and city councilmen Neilson Cochran and Fred Johnson are to be commended for their decision. Cochran said he thought it was in the best interests of the citizens of Jackson, and he certainly was correct.

This was not the first time someone has come into a situation knowing the circumstances and then tried to get the circumstances altered to benefit his own particular desires. It will not be the last. But at least this time the effort has been thwarted for the moment.

Guest Opinion . . .

The Courage to Change

By W. Guy Henderson

Is this change really necessary? Automatically we oppose change if for no other reason than we love the status quo. When I was a lad, the grocer added up our bill with pencil and tablet paper. How would he stack up against the gleaming, sixteen check-out stands in our computerized super markets? Let a doctor refuse to read, research, and attend conferences; and soon science has passed him by. The same goes for the preacher, teacher, or business executive. We must adapt to the changes, or we enter a Rip Van Winkle phase of life.

Change is inevitable. We adjust or die. Today the acceleration of this change leaves us dizzy and wondering where it will stop. We are not unlike the fellow who got himself a new boomerang and nearly killed himself trying to throw the old one away. Alvin Toffler quotes an economist as saying, "The world of today . . . is as different from the world in which I was born as that world was from Julius Caesar's." I was born in the middle of human history, to date, roughly. Almost as much has happened since I was born as has happened before." Trying to impede change is like standing in the spillway when the dam breaks. You either move with it or you're bowled over.

Change is also part of the Divine Design. The very word "repentance" speaks of change. Paul reminds us that, "... if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed

away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17).

Some of the changes we face are good; some are heartbreaking. It's not the doctrine nor the message that we need to change; it's the methods. The message is timeless and unchangeable. The methods we must change or we'll stand out like a Quaker at a tailor's convention. The church is suffering from a crippling case of snuggles and smugness.

Let's take a hard look at our teaching methods, our budget presentation, and our money-handling procedures. Our life style can be a real detriment to our Christian witness. The attitude we have toward consumerism needs changing if "things" have become our idol. This love affair with consumerism is hazardous to the believer's spiritual health. Our non-witnessing life style permits us to live, walk and survive without raising a ripple on the pond. The world shouts with glee, "Hurrah — the Christians are like we are," and suddenly all men are speaking well of you. No lion's den, no exiles on Patmos, no Philippian jails for us; we know how to blend in with the world.

Some years ago a pastor told me of a 75-year-old man who was worth over a million dollars. His wife was dead and his child had married into a wealthy family. This man publicly states that God has blessed him. Yet, will he honor God with his estate? Christian colleges, foreign missions, and dozens of worthy projects suffer for lack of

funds while God's children amass fortunes and often leave them for taxes, squandering, and to ungrateful children and grandchildren. Oh, for a change of attitude toward what we will leave behind.

We need to change our giving patterns as well as the living patterns. Abuse, misuse, and downright wastefulness is the life style for many. Our natural resources, soil, oil, forest, and wildlife reflect a sad commentary in view of world needs. Another change to consider is not how much you give but how much is left over after giving. Jesus commented on this when he noted the widow's mite. We can give the tithe and omit the weightier matters such as a 90-percent remainder that enables us to own houses, beach cabins, boats, and have a TV in each room. Now there's nothing wrong in private ownership, but there is something wrong when we think we are only responsible for 10 percent. Does our life style glorify God or closely align us with the world? Fuller and Rice bring this into sharp focus:

"If we reduce all the peoples on the earth into an imaginary town of 1,000 persons, such a town would be made up like this:

300 people would be Christians.
100 people would be Protestants.
230 people would be Roman Catholic and Orthodox.
270 people would be of other religions.
697 people would be coloured.
303 people would be white.

250 persons would be Chinese.
80 persons would be Communists.
370 persons would be under Communist domination.
280 persons would be unable to read or write.

"One half of the town would be entirely ignorant of Jesus Christ. More than half would know of the teachings of Marx-Lenin. Sixty people in this town would be Americans, and they would receive almost half of the entire income of the town. The Americans would have 15 times as much wealth per person as the rest of the town. The Americans would produce 16 percent of the town's food supply . . . and would eat 72 percent above the food requirements of the rest.

"Since much of the town would be hungry, there would be great resentment against the Americans." (Christianity and the Affluent Society—Fuller and Rice) Tennyson wrote: "The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfills himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

Too old to change? Unacceptable. "Behold all things are become new," has no longevity clause in it. We can change our life style. We can change our eating habits. We can change our giving and living patterns. Put off the old and "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Eph. 4:24)

Letters To The Editor

Walk-a-thons for Missions

Editor: What do you think of the walk-a-thons, bike-a-thons, and rock-a-thons that are being done to raise money for the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon offerings?

It seems to me the energies of these young people could be put to better use. Is it teaching you can earn money by "whistling Dixie"?

In the fall there are lots of yards that need raking, not for minimum wage, but a donation.

Once a man was digging a ditch with a hand shovel for a waterline. He was very hot and tired. A leader from the church came by with 8 or 10 boys on a walk-a-thon. They didn't even wave hello. He said he would gladly have given a donation for some help.

Name withheld by request.

What do I think? I think those with the money should give it without any kind of artificial incentive. But if it takes a walk-a-thon to get it, I say, get it. That applies to special offerings and projects only. I would be opposed to using such for supplementing the church budget. I feel, also, that "thons" can be stretched to almost an extreme.—Editor

Author Now Known

Editor: In June 14 Baptist Record you had a poem, "Walk a Little Plainer, Daddy," with the author unknown. Mr. Rudell Tribble wrote the poem in 1962. Mr. Tribble is a Christian and likes to write poems.
S. M. Davis
Cascilla

College Students Plan For Hunger Offering

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — College students will have the opportunity this fall of raising money for hunger and relief needs pinpointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in various parts of the world.

One of their projects will be to raise \$55,000 to purchase 10,000 hoes for use in Uganda.

The program, called "MANNA" (Ministering Aid to Needy Nations Abroad), is a new approach coordinated by John Cheyne which allows local college campuses the opportunity to support specific projects initiated by the Foreign Mission Board.

Any MANNA project not selected by a college campus by early October will be made available for churches, organizations or individuals to under-

take, a board spokesman said. Students will get first crack at new MANNA projects each year between July and October.

"In March state student directors met at the board in Richmond to discuss ways that college students could plug into missions," said Charles Beckett of the board staff. "The Bangladesh Hunger Project, in which students raised \$150,000, has been completed and directors were interested in personalizing future goals and getting campuses more directly involved," he said.

As a result of the meeting, the board created MANNA and divided current projects into bite-sized pieces to allow a campus to sponsor any portion of a project during a school year.

"We are excited about the possibility," Beckett said. "Funds have been appropriated by the Foreign Mission Board to initiate all the projects but with the participation of Baptist Student Unions the board will be able to utilize previously appropriated funds for other urgent relief needs."

Thirteen countries and 50 projects, ranging from \$100 to \$55,000 to buy equipment, food, land and many other needs, are available for campuses to choose and sponsor.

"The local directors in North Carolina are enthusiastic about the MANNA project because students will know exactly where their money is being sent instead of raising money for the broad scope of hunger in Bangladesh," said Kay Huggins, director of student ministries, North Carolina.

"Another benefit of MANNA is that the foreign missionaries involved with the project will report to the sponsoring campus and share the progress being made and the needs being met," said Huggins. "We hope that MANNA will make missions a more personal and meaningful aspect of students' lives."

"Laboring At Home And Linked To The World

. . . Through The Cooperative Program"

By J. Don Stanfill
Pastor, Harbortown Baptist Church
Lafayette Association

I have been asked to share a word of testimony in view of the outstanding giving record of the past few years at Harbortown Baptist Church. During the past five years our church has increased its Cooperative Program giving by 404.45 percent; and our present budget designates 42 percent of all receipts to go directly to missions. This means that this year we will be able to give to mission causes about \$28,000. Our

members feel that this is not the best we can do, but the least we can do. Our church has less than 225 resident members and is located in a rural area, yet we feel like we are making a significant contribution to the spread of the gospel around the world. Harbortown Baptist Church takes very seriously the missionary mandate of Matthew 28:19-20.

Having preached 22 of my 44 years, I have observed that the attitude and approach of local churches fall into three primary directions in ministering.

First, the church is a Dormitory: to be decorated and designed for the keeping and comfort of students. Learning must not be an end in itself; there must be the going too! We are

called to be students and Stewards!

Secondly, the church is a Depository: It's sad to say but some churches define spirituality as a balance in the bank book. No church is rich that has become so at the expense of the lost world. What we keep for ourselves we lose, and what we unselfishly give away God promises to honor.

Third, the church is a Dispensary: this is our members' attitude toward God's resources. We do not feel that our primary task is to Glamorize the Temple, nor the Guarding of His Treasures, but rather the Going with His Truth.

Now that I have expressed our church's attitude toward missions, let me share with you our approach to being missionary. In his book,

Perspective, Richard Halverson says that "spiritual poverty in the world is not the problem of supply nor is it the question of demand . . . it is the problem of distribution."

Praise the Lord, we have the inexhaustible resources of God as our Supply, as we face the incredible misery of the world with its demands. Our Point of distribution and our Partner in heartfelt concern is the Cooperative Program. So, as we labor to win and disciple those around us, let us not forget we are linked to the world . . . "Let us Exalt his name together" as we

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Carson Baptist Church, Jeff Davis Association, recently began a "little church" ministry for children ages 3-5. Volunteer workers, directed by Joan Bass and Dianne Palmer, conduct programs which include Bible stories, puppets, and music. Lawrence E. Palmer is pastor.

Bond Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Philadelphia, had a dedication service Aug. 12 for a completely reworked inside of its auditorium with new pews, carpet, and pulpit furniture. It also has completely new kitchen and fellowship hall.

W. A. Boatner brought the dedication message. Other former pastors present were C. C. Weaver and L. O. DeWeese. Kermit Sharp, Neshoba director of missions led in the dedication prayer. E. C. Tucker is pastor.

Cason Baptist Church (Monroe) reports that six children from their church were winners in church and state level Children's Bible Drills. Church winners were Greg Hood, Andy Hood, and Dana Dean. State winners were Monica Dean, Ronnie Pounders, and Kim Hendrick.

Oakland Baptist Church, Corinth, kicks off revival services with a homecoming, in recognition of its 18th anniversary. Homecoming will be Sept. 16 with all former members and friends invited.

Pastor Tommy Vinson will lead the revival, Sept. 16-21. Music will be led by Price Harris, music evangelist from Shreveport, La.

Sunday services will be at 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m. and services Monday through Friday will be at 7:30 p.m. Nursery will be provided.

Wildwood, Clinton: Sept. 9-12; evangelist, John McCall, pastor of First, Vicksburg; music director, Dan

Monticello Church, Monticello: Sept. 9-12, evangelist, J. D. Grey, New Orleans; music leader, Lewis M. Bridges, Monticello; pastor, Kenneth Roberts.

Dire Prediction — "American cities will turn into battlegrounds in the 1980s, when suburbanites — in order to overcome the energy crisis — are forced to return to the cities and displace the inner-city poor. That's the message from a recent meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Philadelphia." (Parade, July 29, 1979)

Hall, MCB church music director; Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Weeknight services at 7:30 p.m.

Parkway Baptist Church, Kosciusko: Sept. 9-12; guest speaker, Ron Kirkland, pastor of Central Baptist Church, McComb; music leader, Bennie McBride, minister of music at Ford Park Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; pastor, Bobby Smith.

North McComb Baptist Church, McComb: Sept. 9-14; evangelist, John Causey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Corinth; services include a noon luncheon each day and a 7 p.m. service each evening; pastor, Joe Ratcliff.

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Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Brookhaven, confronted with growing pains and inadequate space, covenanted to let a contract for a \$75,000 multi-purpose building. The note burning service, as shown in the picture, was held and the building was debt-free in 14 months. The building was paid for by special offerings, gifts to missions, attendance and donations. In the picture from left to right are CAREY GRAVES, President of the bank of Franklin, the lending institution; WILLIAM BYRD and HEZEKIAH POSEY, members of the finance committee; HERSHEL ADAMS, general contractor; FELDER DICKY, treasurer; and GEORGE AULTMAN, pastor.

Staff Changes

Harry Barnes, pastor of New Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune, has accepted the pastorate of Macedonia Baptist Church in Lincoln County. Barnes, who served the New Palestine Church as pastor for five years, will begin his ministry at Macedonia August 26.

Bobby F. Walton, pastor of the Yale Street Baptist Church, Cleveland, for the past six years has resigned to accept the call of the New Hope Baptist Church in Marion Association. He assumed his new duties on August 26.

Moscow (EP) — From various areas in the Soviet Union news has reached the West of renewed activities against members of the non-registered Evangelical Christians-Baptists. From Charkov in the Ukraine it was reported that each Sunday after the service, 20 to 30 people are being arrested and detained for 15



The Kennedys

Strong Hope Baptist Church, Wesson, has called Jerry Lee Kennedy as pastor. Kennedy, a graduate of William Carey College who received his M.R.E. from New Orleans Seminary, is serving the Briarwood Baptist Church, Franklinton, La. as pastor. He began his duties at Strong Hope Church August 19.

Kennedy is married to the former Jane Knight of Franklinton, La., and they have two children, Mark, 11 and Brent, 9.

News from the capital of the Moldavian Republic, Kishinev, announced that the prayer tent of the Baptist church has been torn down for the fifth time and that one church member, Michael Prodanov, has been interrogated.

Five Southern Baptists Steer Alcohol Conference

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — Five Southern Baptists are among 30 religious leaders who will sponsor a conference Nov. 26-28 on the effect of alcohol and other drugs on contemporary life.

They are former SBC presidents Owen Cooper and Brooks Hays; Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Christian Life Commission; James Dunn, director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Christian Life Commission; and Lenton Malry, state legislator and assistant superintendent of schools in Albuquerque, N. M.

The conference, which seeks to provide the best information available to church leaders, was called because of "ignorance," according to Kenneth Teegarden, president of the Christian Church (Disciples) and one of the sponsors.

Teegarden said, "Most Americans do not know how to help or where to turn for help" when they face alcohol and drug problems with members of their families.

"Another purpose of the meeting," said Cooper, "is to reawaken the voice of the church in this area which is fast becoming the number one social problem of our times."

Also among conference sponsors is Harold Hughes, former senator who introduced legislation in the Senate which established the federal government's National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Homecoming

New Prospect Baptist Church in Lincoln Association will observe Homecoming with services on Sept. 9.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. The worship service starts at 11 a.m. with former pastor Jewell H. Kyzar as guest speaker.

Lunch will be served at noon and an afternoon service begins at 1:15 with a program of gospel singing.

All former pastors, former members and friends are invited. Ted Rushing is pastor.

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THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11306 Jackson, MS 39213

The Summer Of '79:

The months of June, July, and August in 1979 were busy for Village children, as they have been in every recent year. In spite of excessive rains, which came virtually every day, swimming, softball, baseball, bicycling, picnics, camping trips, and many other features of a good Village summer enlivened the recreational lives of our boys and girls at every location. We were favored, as usual, by the visits of many groups of friends, representing Mississippi Baptist Churches or their auxiliaries. A visit to the Jackson Campus of The Children's Village has become a regular feature of the Vacation Bible School curriculum for dozens of churches in Mississippi, and we are pleased that many of them have commenced to visit our facilities in Tate County and in New Albany. Visitors at reasonable hours are always cordially welcomed at any Village operation. While advance notice is not essential, a call or a letter does alert our staff and children and enables them to serve as hosts more hospitably. On occasion, during the summer of 1979, our visiting groups brought gifts and refreshments and literally became hosts to our children on one of the Village's campuses.

Beginning with the annual tour of "The Teen Choir," as they sang for a number of Mississippi Baptist churches in South and North Mississippi, the Village's summer program offered a number of opportunities for boys and girls to leave campus life and enjoy the graciousness of Village friends in Mississippi's public community. Church auxiliaries and individual friends made it possible for Village children from the Farrow Manor Campus and from the Jackson Campus to attend summer sessions at both Gulfshore and Garaywa. Other Village youngsters attended Lakeside Camp in Tallahatchie County, Kings Arrow Camp, and Central Hills near Kosciusko, through the interest and generosity of our friends. The traditional summer "vacation" was observed at all locations in July and August. During this time, Village children and young people visited with relatives or friends for two weeks, enjoying both a holiday from campus life and an opportunity to be reminded of life in a real, private home.

Vacation Bible Schools, structured on-campus periods of spiritual emphasis and Bible teaching, and special services featuring visiting Christian

leaders were added to the regular Village program of Christian training during these months when additional time was available to our Department of Christian Education.

The excessive summer rains of 1979, which sometimes interrupted outdoor play for our children, served to create additional work. The grass on our spacious lawns grew at a record pace, particularly on the Jackson Campus, and despite daily and almost full-time attention at the hands of youngsters assigned to the Department of Buildings and Grounds, it has been difficult for staff and children to keep the grass clipped to our usual standards. Gardening on the Jackson and Farrow Manor Campuses, and other routine chores related to the maintenance of Buildings and Grounds combined to add a healthy balance of work to the lives of Village children and youth during the summer of '79.

Congratulations!:

To Joe Daniels, 17 year old resident of Alumni Cottage on the Jackson Campus and a student at Clinton High School. Joe has been chosen by public school authorities for inclusion in the current listing of "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS." Joe has been a Village residence since 1974, and is one of our more popular and responsible young people.



Presenting Our Staff

Rob and Doris Watson, houseparents, Jackson Campus since May 24, 1979. Rob also serves in the Department of Activities.

What's Cooking At The Village

Response to the announcement, released last month through "The Village View," concerning the cookbook which has been compiled by our children and staff has been interesting and encouraging. Many of you have expressed interest in this publication which includes favorite recipes of houseparents and children, as formulated, prepared and served in Village cottages. We have additional copies of the cookbook available for those who have not yet ordered a copy. Some friends have elected to purchase additional copies as gifts. In order to assist us in the cost of printing the cookbook and in defraying mailing costs, we must charge \$2.66 per copy. If you are interested, we would be pleased to have you contact: The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11306, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213 or telephone us at 922-2242 in Jackson.

"Back To School"

On the Jackson Campus, at the New Albany Home, on the Farrow Manor Campus — in every Children's Village facility, dozens and dozens of boys and girls, some very new to us and to our way of life, are returning to school. In addition to the anxieties and concerns which all young people experience as they begin a new year, in a new grade, with new associates and new teachers, our boys and girls must face these adjustments away from home and family as they continue to deal with the emotions which they feel as they try to learn to live in the still-strange surroundings of the Village of Children. All Village boys and girls need your interest and your prayers, especially this September. The Village needs your continued support in its effort to lift and re-direct the lives of the hundreds of children who become our responsibility each year. A vital part of our ministry is involved with formal, academic education which, like every other product and service, has become very expensive. If you have not sent us your gift designated for our "Back to School" fund, won't you join others in that effort by mailing your check today?

A New Song:

In a new and innovative approach to music therapy, the Department of Music of The Baptist Children's Village recently announced a new approach to the concept of using music therapy with troubled children. Music as therapy has long been an integral part of the Village program. According to Ruth Glaze, Director, the music department will now be encompassed in an enlarged Department of Activities.

The program as structured by Mrs. Glaze and her associate, Miss Sharon Stone, will utilize small group learning experiences in order to provide more individualized attention. While most of the experience provided the children will be musically based, music will not be the only medium used. Drama, puppets, and games will be used, when appropriate, as the Department of Activities works toward their stated goal of developing skills, coordination and self-awareness in the children. Mrs. Glaze and Miss Stone envision the program, which will be inaugurated September 1, as more creative and more need oriented.

In addition to musical experiences the Department of Activities will provide an enlarged program of recreational therapy. Assisting will be Mr. Robble Watson, housefather in Memorial Cottage. The recreational program will offer an opportunity to participate in team sports, structured



Village Ranchers, left to right, Steve Roberson, Jessie Ratcliff, Joe Hoffer and Tommy Crowe.

Woodland Boys Ranch:

Mississippi's newest "ranchers" — boys from the Jackson Campus of The Baptist Children's Village have returned to campus and cottage life after an unusual summer of work and learning on the Woodland Ranch of Mr. Hayes Branscome, near Grenada. Under the daily supervision of Coach Victor Dorman of Clinton, employed for the summer as a special Village counselor, these boys lived, bunkhouse style, on Woodland Ranch and actually performed ranch work each day under the supervision of Roger Havens, Mr. Branscome's ranch foreman. In addition, through the efforts of Branscome and his committee of volunteers, consisting of Grenada clergy, business, and professional men, the boys received intensive moral, spiritual and vocational counseling.

arts and crafts, activities and special events.

Meeting the unique needs of children in care demands that Village staff constantly search for avenues to provide experiences to enhance self-esteem and communicate the message of Christian child care.

selling each week, and were regularly treated to the generous hospitality of the churches and citizens of the Grenada community.

Mr. Branscome has described the Woodland Boy's Ranch of 1979 as a "pilot project," initiating the realization of his longtime dream to provide a group living and working opportunity for teen-aged boys, who have temporarily lost direction in life, or experienced disruption of home or school training, or both, in order that they might re-learn the values of human life and the safety of Christian living through hard work and group living in the structured and supervised environment of his beautiful Mississippi ranch properties. The Children's Village and its boys were favored and fortunate to be selected by Mr. Branscome as the first beneficiaries of this unusual and fruitful opportunity.

Steve Roberson was presented with the "Woodland Plantation Award" and Tommy Crowe was presented with the "Most Improved Attitude Award" by Mr. Branscome and his associates in the impressive closing Banquet ceremonies, hosted by Mr. Branscome in Grenada, concluding the 1979 project.



Village girls model play suits. The gift of a Gulfport friend.



Summer Fun A spirited foot race

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Paramaribo, Surinam — Calvary Baptist Church stands as a victory over a reserved acceptance of the gospel in a Hindu-dominated community, over plans to thwart its organization, over social antagonism.

In the village of Doekhieweg, Calvary Baptist Church struggled for five years, just to get on its feet. But steady work continued and 300 people attended the dedication of Calvary Baptist Church — the second Baptist church to be organized as a result of Southern Baptist efforts in this country. The first was Immanuel Baptist Church, also in Paramaribo, organized in 1970.

Many believers have sustained rebuke and criticism from families and friends, said Leo and Margaret Waldrop, Southern Baptist missionaries who work with the church. The small, yet determined group completed the 32 by 58 foot building after a volunteer construction team of Southern Baptists from Mississippi built the frame and laid the roof. Twenty-one members signed the declaration of beliefs, thus forming the nucleus of Calvary church.

Wheaton, Ill. (EP) — Three Americans who were arrested at the Czech-Austrian border July 3 and detained on charges of attempting to smuggle Bibles into Czechoslovakia have been released and deported. They were carrying Bibles and Christian literature which they had intended to give to Czech churches.

The three — Lenore Hunt, 23, Albion Buckingham, 26, and Michael Birks, 21, are affiliated with the Summer Youth Training in Europe program of the Slavic Gospel Association, an evangelical agency based in Wheaton, Ill. Czech officials said they had not cleared \$1,000 worth of Bibles, and indicated that a charge of unlicensed importation of literature is pending against the Americans.

Minneapolis (EP) — Seven organizations that undergird Billy Graham's evangelistic ministry had combined revenues of \$39.9 million in 1978, but they failed to cover expenditures leaving a deficit of \$971,660. The revenues were \$712,390 higher than for 1977 while the deficit was almost \$10 million less.

New York (EP) — President Carter's report of his conversation on Christianity with South Korean President Park Chung Hee has led to newspaper editorials questioning his judgment and criticism from an American Buddhist monk.

On the other hand, four Southern Baptist leaders have commended President Carter for bringing up Christianity with South Korean President Park Chung Hee in his state visit to Seoul. The conversation on religion between the two heads of state, which the U.S. president recently disclosed to an adult Sunday school class here, was mentioned during a brief White House visit by the four officials of Carter's denomination — Adrian Rogers of Memphis, new president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Harold C. Bennett, new executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; SBC First Vice-President Abner McCall; and SBC Second Vice-President Don Touchton.

Washington (EP) — Dr. William Cameron Townsend, founder of the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), has denied charges that the evangelical organization has carried out missions for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

"My institute has no relation with the CIA," Dr. Townsend said in an interview with the Washington Post and in a letter to Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo. "If any member cooperated with the CIA he would be dismissed." He made the statement as Mexican officials considered demands from several anthropologists and sociologists that the institute's 570 workers in Mexico be expelled.

The institute, which is affiliated with the California-based Wycliffe Bible Translators, operates in more than 30 countries on the basis of contracts negotiated with each one. It has been criticized by anthropologists in several Latin American countries for allegedly attempting to promote United States values and customs among indigenous Indian tribes. Some have also charged that its workers have provided information to the CIA.

La Habra, Calif. (EP) — Thirty-three publishing houses participated in a Statistical Survey conducted for

the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association by John P. Dessauer, Inc.

The report, recently made available to participants, showed net sales totaling over \$175 million compared with \$154 million in 1977. Largest dollar and unit gains among the ten product categories included in the survey were posted by Bible sales, but sales of training court materials, records and tapes also advanced significantly. Books showed modest dollar-gains overall, but declined in the unit column. Paperbound books lost ground in both dollars and units.

Religious bookstores still constitute the principal market for survey participants. Sales to "rackers and distributors" ranked as the second largest market and "direct-to-consumer" sales placed just ahead of "churches and other institutions" as the third ranking market category.

New York (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham, in a wide-ranging interview here, discussed his stand on disarmament, the Marshall Frady biography, and changes in his thinking on social issues.

Of his current position favoring disarmament, he said he had been influenced both by briefings from public officials and by studying every reference to peace in the Bible. As an example of another change in his thinking, the evangelist commented that "the mission of the church to the world is evangelism and service. I didn't use to add 'service'."

Referring to Mr. Frady's massive biography, Billy Graham: A Parable of American Righteousness, Mr. Graham said, "A lot of his material is not exactly accurate." But the evangelist called the author "a very charming person and one that I'd like to cultivate as a friend."

Asked whether it is possible for a public official like President Carter or Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) to be a "Christian politician," Mr. Graham gave an affirmative answer. He cautioned that "the fact that a man is a Christian does not mean that he may be more competent" than one who is not, but said he did not feel it inappropriate for a public official to relate his positions to his understandings of Scripture because "people want to know what a man believes."

Names In The News

Tressie Odessa (Mrs. Charlie) Bryant died Aug. 15 at age 68. Her funeral was at First Baptist Church, Raleigh with interment at North Raleigh Cemetery.

Her husband is director of Missions for Smith County Baptists. She is also survived by a sister, Millie Henderson of Raleigh.

James Louis Ryan has been elected associate director of extension center education with the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department.

Ryan, pastor of Levy Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., will start in September succeeding Bob Johnson, who joined the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ryan, 42, was director of the Boyce Bible School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1974-77. His responsibilities with Seminary Extension, an educational arm of Southern Baptists' six seminaries, will involve work with associational directors of missions and others interested in establishing local ministry training centers. More than 8,000 students were enrolled in more than 350 centers last year.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., Ryan is married to the former Judy Fisher of Jefferson City, Mo. They have two sons.

Devotional Hidden Manna, White Stone, And A New Name

**B. Z. Byrd, Pastor
Clear Creek Church
Wayne County**

Rev. 2:17 says, "To him that overcometh, I will give to eat of the hidden manna." The word overcometh comes from the word NIKAO which means to subdue, conquer, prevail, or get the Victory. Even though it concerns the present tense as well as the past and future, this cannot be spiritualized to be blessings in this life.

We know that the hidden manna refers to food for the soul, and at Christ's appearance to mankind as savior he became the "Bread." John 6:33 — "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from Heaven and giveth life unto the world."

The White Stone is a symbol of victory and signifies approval, by being polished or handled by implication to be used as a (counter or ballot) verdict of not guilty, to be used as a ticket of admission or stone voice.

A new name written in the stone. In Matt. 16:18 Christ told Peter "Upon this rock (meaning Himself) I will

build my church. Moses referred to "the Rock of Salvation, the Rock that begetteth life." Deuteronomy 32:5-18.

This white stone is the true church. Not the church roll, sad to say, but the sum total of true born-again believers, whose names will be in the White Pure Stone of Heaven.

No man could ask for a greater reward, than for his name to be there. We each will have new names, and the only ones that know if their names are there are the individuals themselves.

It's very important that we continually inventory ourselves and make sure we are listening to the Spirit of God. Ref. (1 John 4:1) "Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

The false prophets are so professional until only the spirit of God can detect them. This is why we should read the Bible: (John 5:39) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: And they are they which testify of me."

There are many professors but few possessors.

Make sure of your possession. It's yours; no one can take it from you. But, by the same token, no one else can do it for you.

Radio-TV Commission Expands Committee

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Three more trustees have been named to the five-member search committee seeking a president for the Radio-Television Commission to succeed Paul M. Stevens.

Stewart R. McChesney Jr., of Arvada, Colo., Tommy Joe Payne of Greenville, N. C., and Richard H. Rogers of Lansing, Mich., have joined the committee, according to Fred W. Isaacs of Cosby, Tenn., chairman of the trustees and the search committee.

"This action will give us input from a broader based cross section of our denomination," Isaacs said, "and these three men will be available to lend needed administrative follow-through as we narrow the list of candidates."

The three join Isaacs, John E. Hughes of Independence, Mo., George Miller of Oklahoma City, Okla., Jess P. Odom of Little Rock, Ark., and

Franklin A. Terry of Laurel, Md., on the committee.

Isaacs noted that the three new members will provide a "fairer division of laymen and pastors on the committee. Miller, Odom, Payne and I are laymen," he said. "The others are pastors of churches."

Isaacs said the search committee had narrowed an original list of candidates from 48 to 14. "But that doesn't mean that new candidates can't be submitted or considered. They can be," said Isaacs, who commented earlier that the committee hopes to have a person by the time of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in June 1980 in St. Louis.

Washington (EP) — The U. S. Catholic Church kicked off a campaign here to evangelize an estimated 80 million unchurched Americans, including some 12 million "fallen away" Catholics.

Homecoming

Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1531 Hwy. 1 So., Greenville, Miss. will have their homecoming services September 16, 1979, beginning at 10 a.m.

Services of the day include congregational worship with two former pastors preaching. They are Mack Robinson, pastor of the Ray Memorial Baptist Church in Bolivar County and Robert Perry, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon for all members and visitors and a gospel singing will be led by the Messengers of Greenville in the afternoon. All members, former members, and visitors are invited to attend.

Byhalia Church celebrated homecoming Aug. 26. Two former pastors were present. John Hiott, Byhalia's first full-time pastor spoke at the morning service.

After the noon meal, Arthur Lesley recognized all former members who had come for the day. Mrs. Carmen Hiott sang and Mrs. J. B. Going gave a brief review of the church's history. Chantice Johnson is pastor.

Uniform Lesson God's Gracious Acts

By Ed North, First, Quitman

Deut. 26:1-11; Exodus 15:11-13

Why do we worship? Why do we allot time during a day free from the demands of our jobs to make our way to the Lord's House? Why do mothers rise early on Sunday morning to start preparations for the noon meal, scrub little faces, dress little squirming bodies, and rush through their own beauty regimen to get to church just barely late? Why do we come before the Lord in worship? The answer: God's gracious acts!

This is plainly the thrust of the biblical materials for this week. The setting is an anticipated harvest festival of thanksgiving to be experienced upon entering the promised land. This period of public worship and praise will be geared to the mercies of God expressed in deliverance, preservation, and generosity. The Bible clearly ties worship to God's gracious acts.

I. Worship and the Act of Creation (Exodus 20:8-11)

The fourth commandment joins "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" with "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth." The purpose of a day of worship, duly set aside and recognized, is to acknowledge the creative powers of God. When we keep the Lord's Day by joining with fellow believers in public worship we are celebrating the creation as a gracious act of God.

This focus in worship reminds us of God's power to bring order and unity out of chaos. As his Spirit brooded over formless matter until a universe was brought forth, even so, his Spirit works in broken lives, shattered relationships, divided churches, to create unity and wholeness. That's something to celebrate!

Such a worship emphasis reminds us that we are co-creators with God. Biblical stewardship has never been more important. Ecology is rooted in theology. We have been given the Garden to till, but the thorns and thistles threaten to overwhelm us. If our Sunday worship truly celebrated the creation we would be challenged to be better stewards of our father's world.

II. Worship and the Act of Redemption (Deut. 5:12-15)

It's interesting to note that the Deuteronic treatment of the fourth commandment takes an entirely different approach. Here the emphasis is upon God's gracious act of redemp-

tion. "Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it" is linked with "... And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day."

The focus passages for our lesson recall the sad day when Jacob ("a Syrian ready to perish") went down into Egypt (Deut. 26:5). The subsequent enslavement of the chosen people stirred them to cry unto the Lord. The Lord, gracious and mighty, heard their cry and delivered them with "an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders" (Deut. 26:8). The passage in Exodus 15:11-13 is part of the great song of victory sung by Moses and Miriam after the Red Sea miracle.

But, God had more in mind for His people than release from bondage. He had a goal of bringing them into the Promised Land of blessing (Deut. 26:9). The wilderness wanderings symbolize the hesitancy of the redeemed to claim the fullness of life in Christ. Too many have "come out," but have yet to "enter in."

The ceremony of worship in Deuteronomy 26 was designed as a response of gratitude for God's gracious redemption. When the Jews observed the Sabbath they remembered those days when they were not a people at all. They were slaves, chattel property, chafing under the iron rule of Pharaoh. But, thanks be to God, their painful lot in life caught the attention of a loving Lord. He moved with a strong and sure hand to deliver His people from bondage. That was, and is, at the heart of Hebrew worship.

As Christians we also celebrate God's mighty act of redemption and deliverance. It is just here that the Christian observance of the First Day of the week has special significance. It commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Man was a slave to sin, under the awesome bondage of sin. But a loving God heard the broken cries of sinful men, and sent a deliverer. Jesus, the only begotten Son, came to identify with the human plight, to take man's sin burden to the cross, to be buried in a borrowed tomb, and to rise from the dead on the first day of the week for man's justification. He was our Pass-over Lamb (see Ex. 12:1-14; 1 Cor.

5:7). His sacrifice delivered us from dark death. That's something to celebrate!

The service of worship, then, ought to be alive and exciting. We do not keep the Sabbath nor attend public worship to promote programs, oil organizations, keep the institution going for one more week, but to celebrate the gracious acts of God! Can't you see the difference between worship based on this concept, and the typical, lifeless service in the typical, lifeless Baptist church?

"The clock struck twelve, and the church on the corner gave up its dead" may become the epitaph for churches which have forgotten their source of origin. The Church did not come into being by legislative act, nor judicial decree, nor committee vote, nor decision of council. The Church was purchased by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, formed out of the loving heart of God, and chartered by men and women who had personally experienced the creative redeeming power of God in their lives. The Church stands always as an expression and channel of His gracious acts.

Revival Continues At Refugee Camp

SONGKLA, Thailand (BP) — Songkda refugee camp in Thailand has experienced a spiritual revival since the end of March.

More than 100 new Christians have been baptized; others await completion of classes in Christian doctrine. One crusade resulted in 160 decisions for Christ.

The revival began soon after a young Baptist pastor, Dao Ven Chink, arrived at the camp and began meeting with the 10 to 15 Christians. Regular Bible study, prayer and worship services attracted others and the group began growing.

Chink began to sense an interest and openness of many people in the camp. He and the other Christians started praying about and planning for an evangelistic crusade.

Life and Work Lesson The Cost Of Concern

**By W. Thomas Baddley
First Baptist Church
Brandon, Mississippi**

Acts 21:31-33; 22:22-24; 23:12-15, 23

We need to keep an overview of this unit. Overarching these lessons is the theme, "Keeping the Faith." The German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, introduced the term "cheap grace." He hit an "exposed nerve" in many Christian lives. Too often we neglect to mention in our witnessing to the lost that the faith in Christ, which is the beginning point in salvation, is to be continued in discipleship.

Actually, Bonhoeffer says we ought to talk about "costly grace." Costly, because it calls us to follow, and grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.

As Paul "kept the faith" he discovered that his relationship and faithfulness to Christ was costly. Having refused to be diverted from his mission to Jerusalem, he now was confronted with serious threats to his life.

I. Rescued By Romans
Acts 21:31-33

In an attempt to reconcile Paul's

ministry to the heathen (anyone not Jewish), James suggested that Paul demonstrate his orthodoxy by both accompanying and paying for the purification rites of four men who had taken a religious vow.

This he did. But, because Paul had been seen in the company of a Greek convert, Trophimus, the already suspicious Jews accused him of bringing the Greek into the temple, thus defiling its holy state. It was all the spark needed to ignite the crowd into mob action against Paul.

While the crowd was trying to kill Paul, the news spread to the Roman soldiers in charge of keeping peace. Like the cavalry coming to the rescue in an old western movie, the soldiers swept in and took charge of Paul. In this case he wasn't treated too nicely. The cost was adding up. Agabus' prophecy of Paul's being bound was fulfilled as they chained him and led him away.

The Romans falsely assumed that Paul was the same man who had recently stirred up riots. Enroute to the barracks Paul correctly identified himself and asked to speak to the mob of Jews trailing behind them.

II. Rejected by His Own People
Acts 22:22-24

Somehow he quieted the mob and spoke to them using the Hebrew language, trying to identify with them and validate his testimony. They seem to have listened carefully until he came to the point of God sending him to the Gentiles. Even worse than before the people reacted, tossing dust in the air, tearing their clothes, and shouting demands for his death.

As a result the commander of the Roman soldiers determined to get to the bottom of the issue once and for all. He ordered Paul to be taken to the barracks and to be interrogated by means of the scourge. Paul had been beaten several times, but never scourged. Scourging was not a means of punishment, but a method of getting the truth. Usually the victim of such questioning was crippled, if not killed in the process.

Paul appealed, using his Roman citizenship as reason for release, and the scourging was put aside. The cost of faithfulness continued to mount as he was kept prisoner pending further

investigation.
III. A Split In The Sanhedrin
Acts 23:1-9

Fearing the possible results of scourging an uncondemned Roman citizen, the Roman chief captain devised a plan to let the Sanhedrin determine the reasons for the mob reaction to Paul's message.

Paul's former theological training served him well. Appealing to the Pharisees' belief in the resurrection of the dead, a dissension erupted that again led the Romans to rescue Paul from possible harm from the dispute.

IV. Subversive Activity
Acts 23:12-15

A group of some 40 of the Jews then decided to rid themselves of Paul whatever the cost. They devised a plan whereby they would call for a further questioning by the council of the Sanhedrin. At this meeting whoever among them who was close enough would slay Paul. They sealed this plan with a common vow to fast until Paul was dead.

V. Protected Prisoner
Acts 23:23

Even the most secret plans often suffer from a "leak." Paul's nephew heard and told Paul and the Roman leaders. Thus, the soldiers were alerted. Seventy horsemen and 200 foot soldiers with spears protected Paul the prisoner as he was spirited out of Jerusalem to Caesarea under the cover of darkness.

Conclusion

Jesus told a parable once of a master entrusting varying amounts of money to selected servants. The faithful were rewarded with the statement: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." (Matt. 25:21) In Acts 23:11, Luke records the visit by night of the Lord himself to Paul, saying in essence, "Paul, you've been faithful to me in Jerusalem, well done. Now I send you toward an even bigger task — faithfulness in Rome."

The cost of faithfulness is measured in personal terms; but the Lord expects, deserves and enables it. To be called a Christian doesn't insure freedom from threat, persecution or harm. It does include being faithful at all costs.